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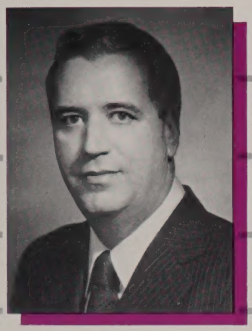


A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

FIRST PET HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE OFFERED NATIONWIDE

Our friends at the American Humane Association have just made us aware of a new Pet Health and Accident Insurance program which I believe may be of interest and help to many of you.

A comprehensive health and accident insurance policy for family dogs and cats is being offered to pet owners across the United States with the launching of the first nationwide insurance company to specialize in this unique service.

Animal Health Insurance Agency (AHIA) of Danbury, Connecticut is initially offering the insurance package to cover veterinary medical expenses of family pets.

The rising costs of medical care for family pets, along with a growing awareness of the need for better health care for pets, has led to the creation of the Animal Health Insurance Agency.

The health and accident insurance package being offered by AHIA was immediately endorsed by the American Humane Association, the oldest and largest federation of animal welfare organizations in the United States, as a positive step toward assuring better treatment of animals.

The introduction of pet insurance is a historical occasion, since it marks the first time ever that health and accident insurance for cats and dogs is available throughout the nation. The program offered by AHIA provides affordable pet insurance so that even persons on fixed income, such as senior citizens, can give their animal the best in care.

The American Humane Association is endorsing the new pet insurance program after a careful review of the company and its plan, interviews with leading veterinarians across the country, and sampling of pet owners. The Association will actively encourage local organizations to help inform the public about the availability of the coverage.

The rising cost of medical care, including pet health care, is cited as the primary reason for AHIA's development of the insurance program. With more than 100 million pets in American households in 1986, pet owners spend more than $9 billion annually for their animals' care and comfort. More than $4.5 billion is spent annually on health care.

The new Animal Health Insurance Agency plan provides from $1,000 to $2,500 in health and accident coverage for cats and dogs at an annual premium cost of between $36 and $89. The new AHIA policies are underwritten by the Virginia Surety Company, Inc., a subsidiary of Combined International Corporation, an insurance holding company.

Animal Health Insurance Agency is headquartered at 24 Delay Street, Danbury, CT. Pet owners interested in obtaining information about the new insurance service can do so by calling a toll-free number (1-800-321-5400).

Arthur G. Slade
President

"All Creatures Great and Small"

"Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation—a humane priority."

League agents Mike Flynn and Ed Powers try to rescue a domestic duck, one of many abandoned on Wampatuck Pond in Hanson.

In the not-too-distant past in the animal welfare field, due to limited resources and facilities, the bulk of humane efforts were directed toward dogs, cats, and other domestic pets, while their fellow creatures in the wild received scant attention.

Now, thanks to increased facilities, as well as broadened attitudes and perspectives, rescue, health care and rehabilitation services are available to all animals, even the least attractive and appealing. In the past year, for example, the League has come to the aid of 1,177 wild creatures. This population included 14 bats, nine ferrets, a boa constrictor, and two pythons, as well as hundreds of birds and waterfowl, and the traditional woodland creatures such as raccoons, chipmunks, squirrels and wild rabbits.

"Whether the animal in distress is an injured pigeon or an injured dog, our mission is identical," according to Richard Bryant, executive assistant to the League president. "Our philosophy is to rescue the animal and then relieve its suffering through medical evaluation and treatment where possible, and finally to rehabilitate and release it back to its natural environment, in the case of wildlife."

The release of wildlife has long been the subject of debate, he notes. Some people feel that an animal that has been in contact with humans is a misfit that will not be able to find food or defend itself, and will ultimately die if released back to the wild. "We do not believe this," Bryant emphasizes. "There is constant attrition in wildlife populations due to accidents, disease, and a variety of other causes. We believe that with the proper rehabilitation and placement, an animal that has had a brief dose of domestic life can be reacclimated to nature and have just as good a chance of survival as any other animal in the wild."

Robert Walsh, manager of the League's Boston shelter, offers the following anecdote as an illustration of this point. "During a snowstorm we removed a pregnant raccoon from a crawl space in a house in Watertown. We couldn't simply turn it loose outdoors in several feet of snow, so we had to seek an alternative. After being cared for at the shelter for a few days, the raccoon went home in a carrier with one of our staff members who lives in a rural area. The carrier was placed in an old shack, and the raccoon was fed outdoors, out of the carrier, to gradually reintroduce it to natural surroundings while still providing access to shelter from continuing snowfalls. Eventually the animal began feeding on its own and returned to the independent life."

One major development that has made the rescue and rehabilitation of injured wildlife more feasible in recent years is the increase in the number of facilities in the area that are geared to the transitional care and rehabilitation of these animals. "Not too long ago we literally had nowhere to turn for assistance," Richard Bryant explains. Today, the League is able to place animals in need of rehabilitation or relocation assistance in a number of facilities in the area, including: Tufts Wildlife Clinic at the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, the South Shore Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Hingham, the Trailside Museum in Milton, the Massachusetts Audubon Animal Care Department, and Bassett's Wild Animal Farm.

Each year the demand for the League's services in this area continues to grow. Calls for help come from city and state agencies, as well as individuals. "I think as the visibility of the League's services has increased, more and more people are aware that we are the ones to call in an emergency involving a wild animal," Bryant says. Many cities and towns have only a one-man animal welfare

Photo by Greg Derr, courtesy Patriot Ledger.

Raccoons who seek shelter in chimneys are a common problem.

Mary Brasier, Salem shelter manager, holds a snowy owl that was rescued from a snowbank in Revere and taken to Tufts Wild Animal Clinic for rehabilitation.

Photo by Bob Crosby, courtesy Lynn Item.

department, usually a dog officer without the experience or equipment to deal with wildlife. And state agencies are more likely to concentrate on the welfare of entire populations of animals, rather than the plight of an individual injured animal, so they often refer such problems to the League.

The League is also there to help domestic creatures that have been abandoned in the wild. Each spring, for example, many of the cute little ducklings and geese that are purchased as Easter gifts are abandoned at area ponds in the mistaken belief that they can survive on their own. "Domestic ducks and geese are bred with short wings so they can fly only very brief distances and are unable to migrate," Robert Walsh explains. "When cold weather comes, the food supply dwindles, and as ponds freeze over the birds' feet become frozen in the ice, and they are trapped. With the aid of our rescue boat and special equipment League agents go out in all kinds of weather and conditions to rescue waterfowl from area lakes and ponds." (See photo on this page.)

The League is fortunate in having the trained professionals and specialized equipment to handle wildlife rescue and care, but it should be emphasized that cases of this nature require professional attention. "We urge people not to attempt to treat injured wildlife on their own, or try to make wild creatures into pets," Richard Bryant states. By getting wild animals accustomed to being fed by humans, or socializing with them, well-intentioned people can endanger both themselves and the very survival of the animal in question.

Anyone who has a problem with wildlife, whether an animal is injured or simply creating a nuisance, is strongly encouraged to contact the League for help in reaching a humane solution to the problem. "Too often, people act on bad advice," Robert Walsh explains, "like trying to smoke raccoons out of a chimney when, in fact, the babies can't escape on their own. We even heard of someone being advised to pour boiling water on nuisance animals." There are humane and creative alternative solutions to wildlife problems, he emphasizes. "And the League can help you find them."

Edward Leonard, D.V.M. and Carol McCarthy examine one of the cats removed from the Gifford Home.

Cats were crowded together in outdoor pens.

Gifford Home for Cats

Cruelty Investigation Leads To Management Transfer

The Ellen M. Gifford Home on Undine Road in Brighton, a well-known shelter home for cats for almost a century, is closed temporarily and will reopen soon under totally new management as a result of an investigation by the League which disclosed inhumane conditions at the shelter.

Established in 1888 by Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford, a wealthy invalid who wished "to maintain one or more sheltering homes for homeless, neglected, diseased or abused animals, where they may be kindly cared for," the legacy originally included a mansion, ample land and a substantial endowment. By recent years, however, the mansion had been razed and most of the land sold off, and the facility consisted of a two-family house, and an adjacent small brick building with two outdoor fenced-in pens.

When League inspectors Carol McCarthy and Edward Powers visited the Gifford Home on September 17, 1986 in response to a complaint, they found approximately 75 cats crowded into these two pens. Many of the cats were dirty, lethargic and emaciated. Some were obviously in need of medical attention, including two cats bleeding from open sores on the legs and chest. The manager of the premises, Mr. Brian Haggerty, was not there at this time.

Later that same evening, they obtained a search warrant and returned with management staff and other League inspectors, including Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M., director of veterinary medicine at the League, who examined the animals and found that 28 of them were in need of immediate medical attention, a number of which had distemper (panleukopenia), a contagious and usually fatal viral infection. They also found two cats dead. Later investigation disclosed that in the past year and a half, the shelter had been visited only once by a veterinarian, some six months earlier. Sick animals were simply put to sleep.

The cats seized by the Animal Rescue League that needed medical care were taken to the League's Boston animal shelter to receive proper care, and charges of cruelty were filed against the manager, the Ellen M. Gifford Sheltering Home Corporation and the Corporation's secretary and treasurer, John G. Kilpatrick, Jr.

Before the case went to trial, however, the Ahimsa Foundation of Hingham came forward with a proposal that was reviewed by a management team from the League and eventually approved by the League and by the Brighton District Court. The Foundation, whose name means "compassion for all living creatures" and whose purpose is to assist small animal shelters financially, would take over the complete management and operation of the Gifford Home. The total animal population will be limited to twenty cats at any given time, priority will be given to achieving a high adoption rate, and the League will regularly inspect the shelter to ensure compliance with animal protection laws. On February 25, 1987, these terms were agreed to in court, and the individual defendants admitted sufficient facts to warrant a guilty finding and their cases were continued for three months, while the Gifford Corporation received a one-year continuance.

The new board of directors from the Ahimsa Foundation is currently in the process of taking over the management of the facility in preparation for reopening.

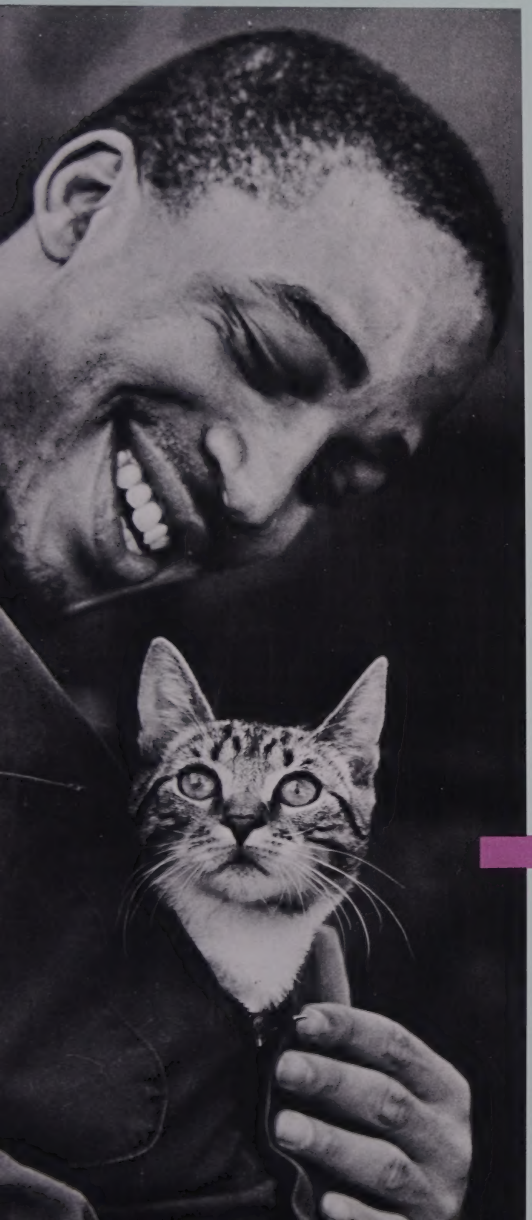
The subject of the original complaint that triggered this investigation, a red tabby cat called "The Moose," is happily situated in a new home after recuperating from severe dehydration, infection and several wounds, all sustained during only two weeks of residence at the Gifford Home.

ANNUAL REPORT 1986

A significant increase in adoptions, expanded shelter facilities and humane advances on the legislative front made 1986 a banner year for the League. Among the most heartening of developments was the increased demonstration of support for our animal welfare efforts and services in the form of 4,513 new members and friends who joined the League during the year, bringing our total membership to 23,735. Due to the much-appreciated support of these caring individuals, the League was able to provide assistance to more than 57,000 animals during 1986. *Continued on the next page...*

David Bryant, 2½, of Sherborn enjoys a quiet moment with a furry friend at the League's Boston shelter.

Photo by Arthur Pollock, courtesy of Boston Herald.
Ambulance agent Mark Noiles holds one of the many kittens given up for adoption each year.



During the first full year of operation, the League's new Safford Memorial Animal Shelter in Dedham, opened officially in February, 1986, placed 1,147 animals in new homes, a source of pride and satisfaction to the League which is gratified to have been able to provide this new service to communities west of Boston. The League also undertook a major restoration of the colonial barn located at the Dedham Pine Ridge Animal Center property.

With the aid of expanded shelter facilities and increased efforts to raise the public visibility of adoption services, the League was able to increase adoptions by 35% during the past year. New homes were found for 2,707 dogs, 4,029 cats, and 417 miscellaneous animals, for a grand total of 7,153 adoptions, compared to 5,283 in 1985.

In summer, 1986, the League assisted the City of Boston in the establishment of a comprehensive new animal control program for the city. In addition to providing training programs for animal control officers, the League also provided temporary shelter for the stray animals of the city until the opening of Boston's city-operated dog pound located in Roxbury. During this period, the League sheltered a total of 1,137 dogs and 1,473 cats under the city program.

A total of 2,128 lost pets were successfully reunited with their owners during 1986, a 38% increase over last year's total of 1,540. Almost 9,000 small pets received health care in the League's veterinary outpatient clinic during this period.

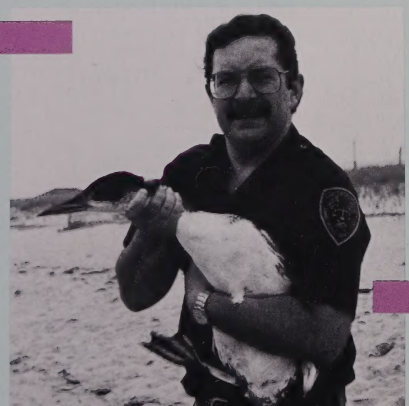
In the first full year of the League's formal inspection program of facilities in the Commonwealth that use dogs or cats for research or education, League agents conducted 33 inspections of laboratories. In addition, agents also visited pet shops, stables, zoos, kennels, fairs and auctions for a total of 198 inspections to ensure the well-being of animals at these facilities. Also, 857 investigations were conducted into reports of cruelty or neglect. Ambulance and rescue service was also at an all-time high with agents responding to 8,943 calls for assistance.

As the year came to a close, a major legislative bill sponsored by the League became law with passage by the Massachusetts Legislature of a bill that prohibits the exhibition of any wild animal for the purpose of attracting trade to any place of amusement, recreation or entertainment. The League also sponsored two other major pieces of legislation which are still pending: a bill calling for the licensing and regular inspection of city or town animal pounds, and another bill that would prevent owners of public or private housing from prohibiting the ownership of common household pets by elderly or handicapped tenants, and prohibit discrimination in access to housing because of pet ownership.

Education and outreach efforts directed at young people and adults alike form the cornerstone of the League's programs and activities. This year saw an increasing emphasis on the therapeutic value and use of pets through such activities as the nursing home visitation program and participation in the Junior League of Boston's Pet Companionship program (see page 11).

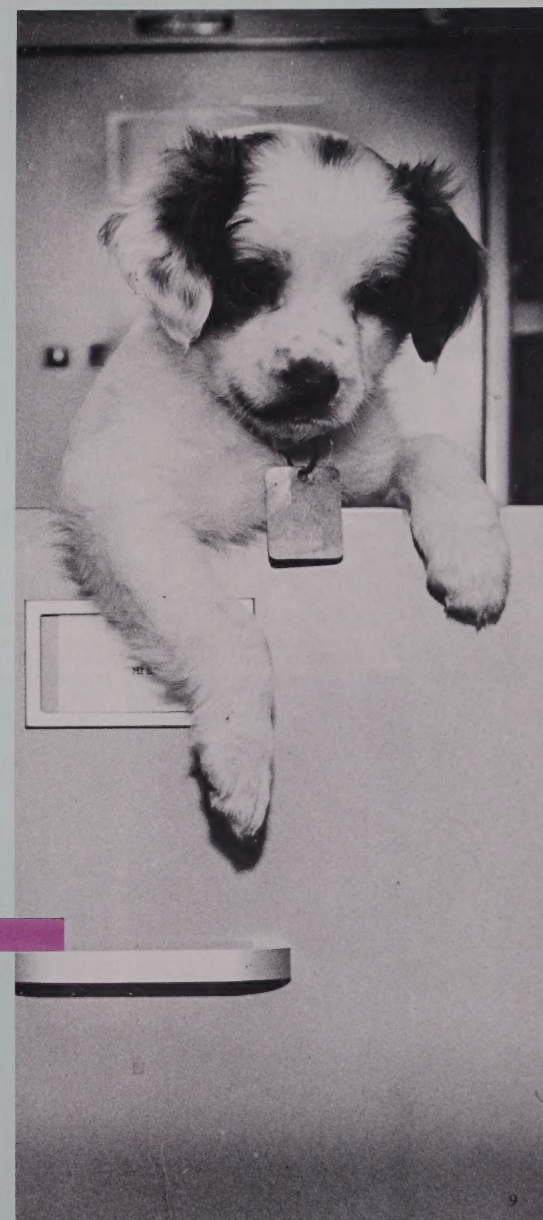
Educational activities directed toward young people included the 36th consecutive season of the Animal Friends Summer School program and Annual Pet Show, the Animal Friends Newsletter, school visits, tours and demonstrations, all designed to increase knowledge, awareness and appreciation of animals. Efforts to foster humane attitudes among the general public included increased use of publicity, advertising and public service announcements, and continued publication of *Our Fourfooted Friends* and other educational literature.

Brewster shelter manager Thom White holds a red-throated loon found in a backyard in Orleans. Loons are water birds and have difficulty walking on land or taking flight so the bird was released at the beach where it took flight easily once in the water.



"Scooter" the duck, held by Lynda Brogden, assistant manager at the Brewster shelter, was picked up on a road in Brewster, emaciated, weak and unable to fly. After two weeks of care, the duck was able to be released at a local pond.

Photo by Arthur Pollock, courtesy of Boston Herald.
File under "A" for adoptions, which rose by 35% in 1986.



Case of Neglect Reaches Happy Conclusion

While on a routine inspection of a neighboring stable in the summer of 1985, two League inspectors spotted an emaciated brown horse tied to a tree in the backyard of a house in East Bridgewater. Their discovery was the start of an investigation and legal case that came to a successful conclusion this past fall after sixteen months of effort.

When the agents returned to the house to investigate, they found two horses, a pony, and a goat tied to a broken down vehicle outdoors. Both horses looked extremely bony and none of the animals had access to shelter or water. The owner, Debra Caggiano, was warned that she was violating the cruelty to animals law and advised to seek veterinary attention for the horses and provide water and shelter for all of the animals.

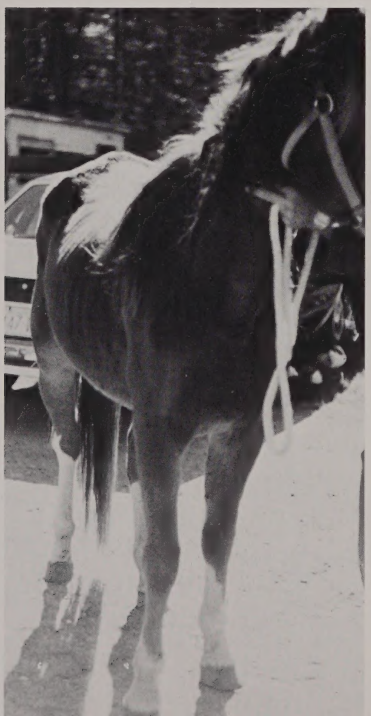
On a subsequent follow-up visit League inspector Edward Powers also found two dogs tied outdoors without shelter or water, one of which appeared severely dehydrated. The owner was not at home on this visit and when she failed to contact the League in response to notices and refused to allow access to the animals on subsequent visits, a search warrant was obtained from the Brockton District Court. A team including a League veterinarian and inspectors as well as East Bridgewater Police officers went to the house on October 11, 1985, took custody of the two horses, two dogs and the goat and filed charges of cruelty against the owner on the basis of her obvious neglect of the animals.

Upon examining the animals, Keith Hopkins, D.V.M., a veterinarian on the League staff, found that each of the horses was at least 250 pounds underweight and both had multiple bite wounds and hair loss. One dog, a poodle mix, had conjunctivitis, and the other, a black and tan dachsund, had hair loss. Both were also underweight.

After one postponement in February because a defense witness was unable to appear, the case came to trial on May 12, 1986. Mrs. Caggiano was found guilty of 15 counts of cruelty and placed on two years probation but she appealed the sentence. The appeal went to trial on November 13, 1986, at which time she changed her plea to guilty and was sentenced to one year probation, with the League retaining custody of the animals in question, and inspection rights for one year of the pony which she had kept.

Throughout this time, the two horses, two dogs and the goat were cared for by the League, and now, fully restored to health, they have all been placed in new homes.

Audrey Richenberg walks brown mare recuperating at Belliveau stables, dramatically improved over her emaciated condition in photo at left.



SENIORS ENJOY FOURFOOTED VISITORS

A resident of South Cove Manor enjoys a visit from Stella Millet and a special guest.

Blind and hard of hearing, the elderly resident of the Quincy Nursing Home rarely spoke to anyone, but when he touched the furry kitten that had been placed in his lap "he just lit up—he talked nonstop for twenty minutes. He told us the names of the five cats he had raised in his lifetime, and from then on, whenever an animal was around, he came to life," recalls Amy Lassman, activities coordinator at the long-term care facility.

For Stella G. Millet, humane education specialist at the League, incidents like this are the most rewarding part of her work as coordinator of the League's nursing home visitation program. The program is aimed at reawakening interest in life and response to the world around them by bringing small pets—primarily kittens and puppies —to visit elderly patients who are often lonely and isolated.

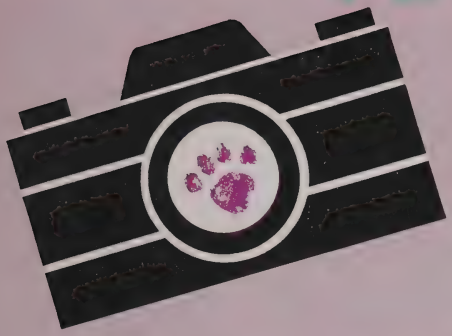
Ms. Millet conducts programs once a month at five facilities in the greater Boston area: Quincy Nursing Home, Jesmond Nursing Home in Nahant, South Cove Manor in Boston's South End, Riverside Nursing Home in Mattapan, and Sherrill House in Jamaica Plain. In addition, she has taken animals to visit 22 other nursing homes and senior centers in the area in just the past year. Similar nursing home visitation programs are also presented in the North Shore area by Mary Brasier, manager of the League's Salem Branch, and on Cape Cod by Thomas White, Brewster Branch manager.

Initial visits are usually group events, with residents gathering in the lounge to view a short film titled "A Special Friendship" and afterwards joining in general conversation about pets as they each have a chance to meet the fourfooted visitor of the day. Subsequent programs involve room-to-room visits. "I prefer these sessions because you have more time for personal conversation and it's usually less inhibiting for the residents. If they are at all fearful of animals, they have a chance to overcome their timidity in private; they have time to relax, pet and talk to the animal, and become comfortable with both of us," Ms. Millet explains.

On return visits, patients always ask about the previous animals they have met. "They are always concerned about whether the animals have been adopted and whether they are happy in their new homes," she notes. Summing up the response to the program, she describes an elderly woman "whose face lights up whenever we visit—she laughs and chats the entire time we are there." Activities coordinators at the nursing homes frequently tell her: "If even one person responds this way, the program is more than worthwhile."

In a related effort, the Animal Rescue League collaborates in a program sponsored by the Junior League of Boston called the Pet Companionship Program. The goal of the program is to enrich the lives of institutionalized elderly persons and provide them with companionship by placing pets for adoption in nursing homes and similar residential facilities. To date, this joint effort has resulted in adoptions of the following League pets: a dog named "Luke" by Greenview Manor in Wakefield, "Lassy" by the Heathwood Home, two cats named "Tiffany" and "Helga" by Eastbrook Home in Dedham, two cats by Provident Nursing Home in Brighton, a dog named "Tiny" at the Resthaven Home in Roxbury, and two fish at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.

PETS IN THE PICTURE



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1 Mr. and Mrs. Gloria Carew, Jr. of Medford sent a gift "in gratitude for nine wonderful years with 'Mandy,' our Frisbee Champ and great friend. With our family all grown up, she still continues to be our sixth child," they write.

2 From Mrs. Doreen Puttick of Arlington comes this photo which was inscribed: "Thanks Animal Rescue League from your orphans 'Moggy' and 'Motley'."

3 The Obershaw family of Worcester sent along a gift from "Taffy" and "Muffin" signed "with love to help the doggies." The League is most grateful.

4 " 'Patty' was two pounds of fluff when she left the Salem center last January. Now she's big enough to pasture, with a heart to match," according to owners Helen and Paul Crosby of South Chatham.

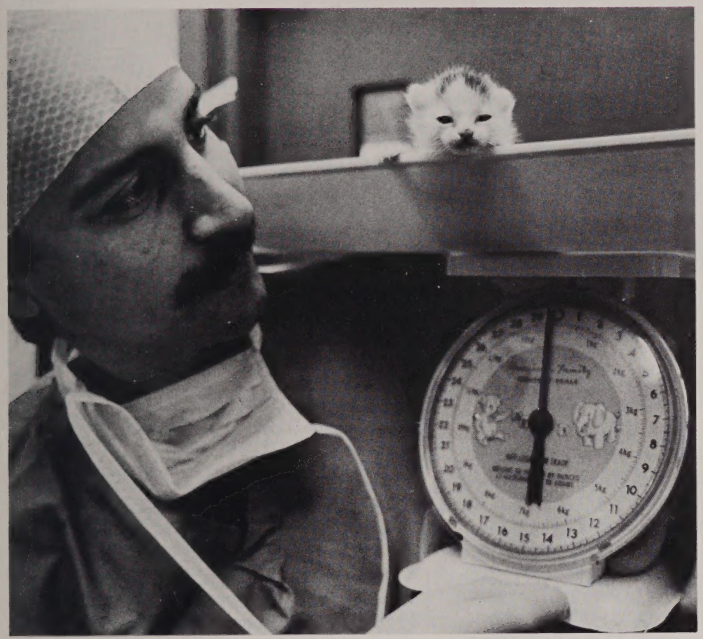
5 "Brisco" and "Mack" were adopted from the League's Dedham shelter in January, 1986, by Monika Buob of Stoughton who describes them as her "dear companions." "Mack has gained four pounds and Brisco, two," she writes. "They are delightful!"

6 Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Greenfield of Wellesley share a snapshot of their pet "Sam," once "an emaciated stray, but now very healthy and about seven years old. We smother him with love and he responds with great affection," they write. "Sam heels like a dog and delights in taking long walks with us, stopping occasionally to show us how fast he can run up and down a tree."

7 Bessie H. Kienle of Lunenberg would like to share this photo of herself with her pet and dear companion "Miss Muffin," deceased this past winter. "I would dearly love to have 'Muffin's' picture in 'Our Foorfooted Friends'," she writes. "I have so much to be thankful for."

8 Carol Niemira of West Roxbury sends this striking portrait of her pet "Jackson," adopted from the Dedham shelter at the age of 16 months. "His previous owners had to give him up when their new apartment landlord would not accept pets," she explains. "Jackson is the best thing I ever did for myself. He has learned to be both an indoor and an outdoor cat. Thank you for your excellent rescue work."

NEWSFRONT
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON



Dr. John de Jong monitors kitten's early progress.

JOURNEY'S END: A SMALL FRIEND IS LAID TO REST

Discovered shortly after birth in a crate of antiques shipped from London to Boston, a tiny male kitten was rushed to the League's clinic on February 25 by Natalie Carpenter of Quincy, a staff member at the John B. Andersen & Co. antique firm in Boston's South End. Its mother and littermates had perished on the journey, and the kitten weighed just two ounces. "It was smaller than the palm of my hand and very near death," according to Dr. John de Jong, League veterinarian, but after Dr. de Jong succeeded in getting "Gypsy," a surrogate mother cat whose own litter was ready for weaning, to adopt and nurse the ailing newborn, its health was temporarily restored, and it began to gain weight and strength.

The kitten's courageous fight for survival won international media attention after a *Boston Herald* story reported on its plight, and thousands of youngsters responded to the newspaper's "Name the Kitten" contest.

Excitement and hope grew as the tiny stowaway continued to hold its own, but on Saturday, March 14, the still-unnamed kitten, just 2½ weeks old, developed a respiratory infection which made normal nursing impossible. For the next two days the weakening kitten received round-the-clock intensive care as he fought for life, but at 7:12 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, he lost his desperate battle.

The brave voyager, who had won so much worldwide attention and affection during his short life, was buried at the League's Pine Ridge Cemetery in Dedham on Thursday, March 19. His grave marker will bear the name bestowed on him posthumously by contest winner Brittany Connelly, 5, of Plymouth —"Wee Yin," which means "little one" in Scots English.

Officiating at the simple burial ceremony, the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Golledge, Vicar of the Old North Church and a director of the League, read the account of Noah from the *Book of Genesis*, and the following excerpt from the *Psalms:*

Although they have no words or language
And their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
And their message to the ends of the world.

Praising the extraordinary efforts made by everyone involved in the kitten's care, League president Arthur G. Slade, who had planned to adopt the kitten, said: "We all feel this loss very deeply. The staff members extended an enormous amount of compassion and care, but it was clear from the beginning that this little fighter was facing overwhelming odds."

Wee Yin is buried at the League's Pine Ridge Cemetery.

HEARING DOG MAKES TV DEBUT

"Daisy," a former League orphan and a graduate of the Red Acre Farm Hearing Dog program, recently made a guest appearance on a Christopher Closeup television program, demonstrating hearing dog techniques with the aid of Carolyn Bird, executive director of Red Acre Farm, and Adele Polk, placement counselor at the Stow, Mass. hearing dog center. Father John Catoir (left), director of The Christophers, was host of the nationally syndicated public affairs program about animals that are trained to help handicapped persons.

NEW ENGLAND HUMANE SOCIETIES CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The New England Federation of Humane Societies, Inc. will celebrate its 50th Anniversary by holding a three-day convention on May 20, 21 and 22, 1987, at the Holiday Inn By-the-Bay in Portland, Maine.

This special event will be highlighted by timely workshops on current problems, designed for those involved in working for and with animals as a learning experience in all phases of humane work. For a free informational brochure, write: President O.P. Jackson, P.O. Box 560A, Kennebunkport, Maine 04046.

BKA WEEK AND PAW MONTH SET FOR SPRING

The American Humane Association's annual observance of Be Kind to Animals Week will be held May 3-9, 1987, opening with Be Kind to Animals Sunday on May 3. This celebration climaxes a month-long program of activities sponsored by the Pets Are Wonderful Council during April, which has been designated as Pets Are Wonderful (PAW) Month. PAW Month is divided into four week-long salutes: Pet Adoption Week (April 5-11), Pet Care Week (April 12-18), Humane Education Week (April 19-25), and Human/Companion Animal Bond Week (April 26-May 2).

ANIMAL FRIENDS SUMMER SCHOOL SCHEDULE SET

The Animal Friends Summer School located in Cataumet on Cape Cod will once again offer two full sessions of day programs for children this summer, including pet care programs, farm animals, arts and crafts, and a variety of other animal-related activities.

Session I:
June 29-July 17, 1987
(three-week session)
Registration Fee: $105

Session II:
July 20-August 14, 1987
(four-week session)
Registration Fee: $140

Annual Pet Show:
Saturday, July 25, 1987
(Rain date: July 26)

For more information or to register, call or write: Animal Friends Summer School, Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, Mass. 02117 (617) 426-9170.

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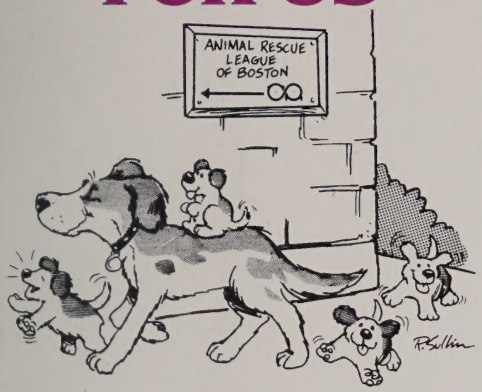

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